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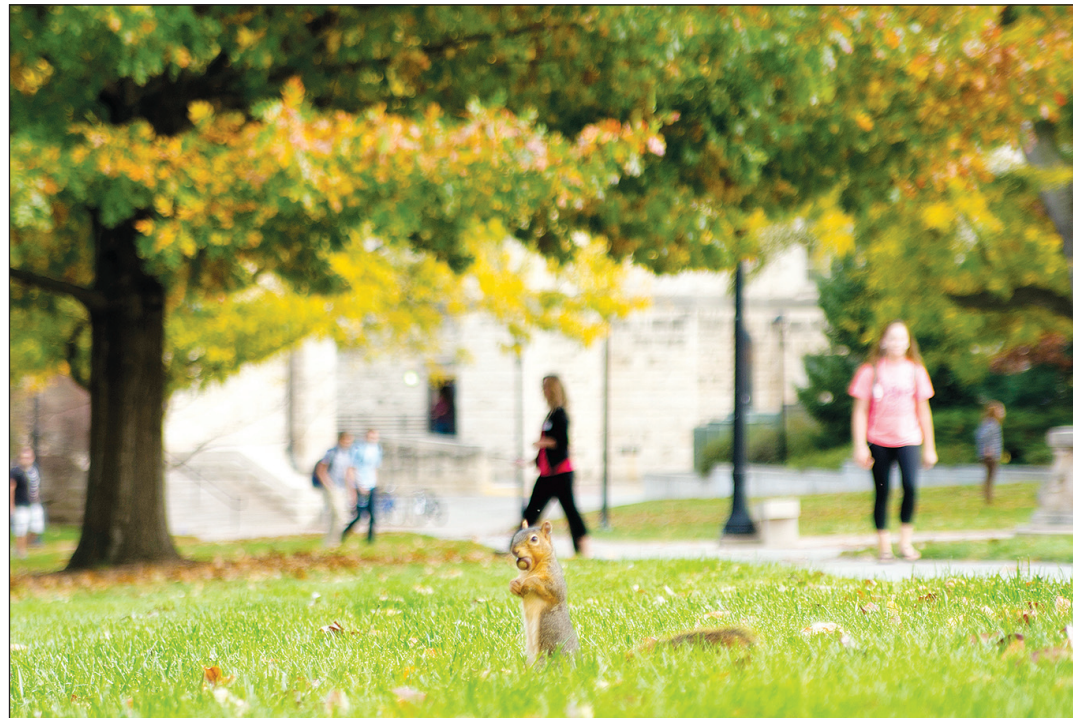
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## Squirrel prepares nuts for winter

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A lone squirrel scavenges around the Quad on Monday afternoon.



By KELSEY KENDALL  
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## Professor wins research award

Wildlife ecology professor wins award for greater prairie chicken research

In collaboration with other researchers from universities across the country, professor in wildlife ecology Brett Sandercock won an award for an article over his team's research in the population decline of greater prairie chickens.

Titled "Demography of Greater Prairie-Chickens; regional variation in vital rates, sensitivity values, and population dynamics," the article won the award for best journal article from The Wildlife Society.

"It's an honor to be recognized for our research in wildlife ecology," Sandercock said in a phone interview.

According to Sandercock, the research was focused on studying the effects of wind power development in three sites in the Flint Hills and Smokey Hills. For about a decade, Sandercock has been studying the demographic causes of the population decline. The research showed the cause was reproductive failure.

"The research project could not have been completed without the cooperation of private landowners," Sandercock said via email.

Sandercock said the use of the private ranges helped in the project and the identification of the problem greater prairie chickens face and take a step towards halting the population decline.

## Man found dead in Junction City

The Junction City Police Department sent out a press release Saturday reporting a body found in a parking lot after responding to a report of shots fired in the area.

The victim, Elza Evans, 27, was found and reported dead on the scene. Evans had suffered multiple gun shots. An autopsy was scheduled for a later date.

The incident is still under investigation. JCPD was unable to release any more information and requests any information regarding the investigation be reported to the police at 785-762-5912 or Crime Stoppers at 785-762-8477.

## Eaton wins common read competition

Several faculty members and students developed an online game "Mapping the Ghost Map," based on the 2014 common read "The Ghost Map" by Steven Johnson.

According to K-State Today, the video game featured over 200 virtual and physical challenges that participants had to work through. Starting on Aug. 25, students were able to solve online puzzles and riddles, as well as participate in scavenger hunts and other challenges across campus in order to find "patient zero."

Muriel Eaton, sophomore in biochemistry, won the game by completing more challenges than any other student. Eaton will receive a \$100 scholarship for the spring 2015 semester from the K-State Book Network, a steampunk music CD, a T-shirt and the game "Pandemic" from K-State Libraries.

# Farm bill revision shakes up America

By BRIA DANSBY  
THE COLLEGIAN

As Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran awaited the results of the vote, he knew a majority of the Senate would be against the 2014 Farm Bill.

For the last two years, negotiators for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate struggled to come to an agreement on which issues should be highlighted in the bill. Some of the issues that were a concern to the government were cuts in food subsidy programs or an increase in crop insurance.

For Moran, the bill meant stability and a sense of understanding for those in the agriculture community.

"A farm bill provides agriculture producers with the long-term certainty they need to produce food, fiber and fuel for our country and the world," Moran said. "It provides Kansas farmers and ranchers with the strong, stable crop insurance and disaster programs they need when facing Mother Nature, and gives producers the certainty they need to plan and do business for the next five years."

Although the bill could provide "long-term certainty" to producers, a rift has surfaced between the agriculture community concerning whether the farm bill should collaborate with subsidy programs such as food stamps.

### Uniting to end hunger

The dispute within the ag-

### What is the farm bill?

- A multi-year legislation that oversees agricultural and food programs
- Renewed an average of every five to six years
- Dates back to 1933 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Agriculture Adjustment Act, which helped U.S. farmers during the Great Depression
- Before the addition of programs including nutritional assistance and conservation, the bill focused on commodities such as corn, rice, cotton, soybeans, wheat, dairy and sugar

riculture community concerning subsidy programs began nearly 30 years ago when then-senators Bob Dole of Kansas and George McGovern of South Dakota came together to improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In 1977, Dole and McGovern were a major influence in passing legislation

to improve accessibility and anti-fraud provisions for the food-stamp program. Since it was created, SNAP has become one of the largest nutrition programs created to support low-income individuals and families.

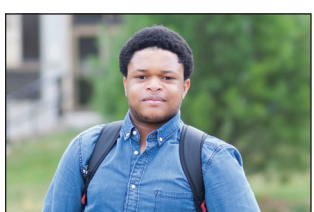
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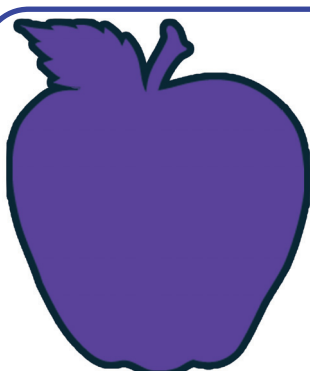
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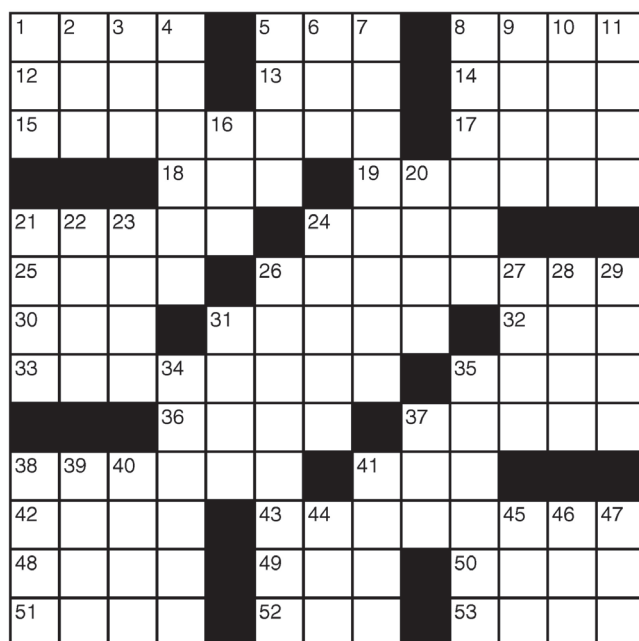
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### ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, Oct. 26

**Demarco Hudspeth Brannam**, of Ogden, was booked for felony theft. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Marcus Eugene Miles**, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and use or possession of paraphernalia with intent for use in the human body. Bond was set at \$3,000.

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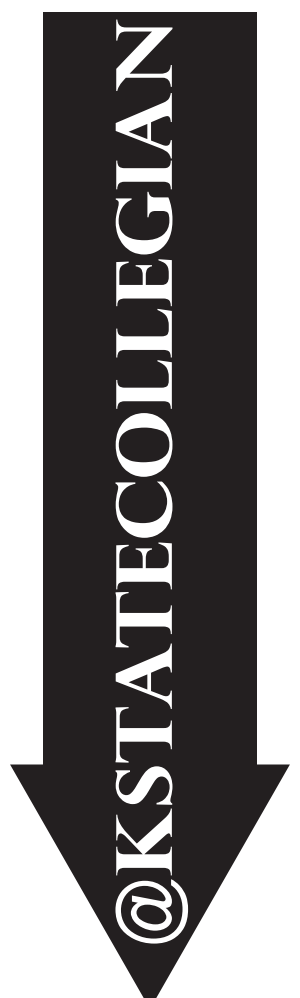
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# FARM BILL | Budget cuts, high participation makes SNAP's future uncertain

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"Adding the SNAP and other food programs and opportunities like that to the farm bill really makes sense because it resonates with both urban and rural people," Jordan Hildebrand, senior in agricultural communications and journalism, said. "(People in urban communities) may not be as interested in passing legislation that's just crop insurance, but when you add in the feeding your constituents aspect of it they really get interested. Who cares about cows and sows when you have people to feed in your streets?"

Although the bipartisan commitment between the senators remains a key resource for Americans utilizing food stamps today, cuts to the budget and a high participation rate makes the future of the subsidy program uncertain.

## The great divide

During the initial draft of the 2014 Farm Bill, members of the House and Senate did not know how to accommodate the agriculture community and citizens who could be affected by cuts in food stamps.

"A farm bill, not unlike other pieces of legislation, has main parts and its provisions impact a number of individuals and groups," Moran said. "The main objective was to work toward a bill that encompassed as many varying interests as possible, while balancing fiscal responsibility with creating programs that support producers and consumers alike."

While members of the government tried to keep those potentially affected happy, giving either consumers or producers more benefits in the bill could add more fuel to an already burning fire.

"A major misconception about the farm bill is that it goes only to the farmers, but mostly it goes toward food stamps and not farmers, regardless of the bill's title," said Tom Turnell, president and CEO of Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Since the efforts of Dole and McGovern in the '70s, each revision to the bill has gradually

followed the path of social and subsidy programs and further away from its agricultural roots.

"One of the negatives is that the farm bill reduced spending by \$22 million," Turnell said. "I see the trend of spending continuing and focusing on the SNAP program rather than farming. They did consolidate and better define SNAP and said who can and cannot use it. As a major tax payer, I thought (the changes) was beneficial."

Although the redefinition of the food stamps program has solved some issues and opinions in the dispute of focusing on subsidy programs in the bill, some feel that including the program will help rather than hurt the agricultural community.

"Half of the farmers and ranchers think that partnering with the SNAP program and various other programs within the farm bill is a good idea, and the other half thinks it's a really, really terrible idea," Hildebrand

said.

## Lone supporter

As members of the House and Senate prepared to vote on the latest version of the bill, Moran (the only senator from Kansas in support of the bill) had to determine whether to side with his peers or vote on the behalf of concerned residents.

"After numerous conversations with Kansans and careful consideration, I decided to support the bill," Moran said. "While the legislation isn't perfect, it does what a farm bill is supposed to do — gives producers the certainty they need when faced with difficult circumstances. Farmers, ranchers and consumers deserve the certainty that comes with a five-year bill. I will continue to work on the farm bill's provisions that needs attention and may still be improved."

## Accommodating a nation

After two long years of

revising the farm bill, it was passed with a vote of 68-32 on Feb. 3. Stipulations in the bill included an increase of crop insurance worth \$7 billion for the next decade, new subsidies for rice and peanut growers, and would cut an average of \$90 per month for nearly 1.5 million people throughout the country.

"I think it's a pretty good piece of legislation," Hildebrand said. "At this point in the political realm, there will never be a piece of perfect legislature again. So I think it's as good as it can be and it takes into a lot of consideration. The vast realm of agriculture and the implications that it will have on the crop and the livestock side as well as food production and consumers."

With an increase in crop insurance, producers such as North Dakota farmer Brenda McDonald said they feel they will not have to worry as much if their crops get destroyed.

"When we get an early Au-

gust freeze or a spring flood or a drought, just about all of the best farming practices in the world will fail to protect us," McDonald said during an interview with Agri-Pulse. "That is why I, like most farmers across the state, always purchase crop insurance. In fact, last year North Dakota farmers spent more than \$38 million out of their own pockets purchasing crop insurance policies."

Despite farmers and ranchers receiving an increase in insurance, the food stamp program is expected to cut \$20 billion.

"We've been on food stamps for five years," Sasha Hampton, a single mother of three, said in an online article from website Mom.me. "I can't imagine raising my kids without them. Food stamps have been a major blessing for me. The fact that they are cutting back bothers me. I was upset when I heard about the cut because I

think there are other things they can cut back on instead of food stamps. This is affecting families and children."

Although some people are still upset about the major cuts to the food stamps programs, Moran said he believes consumers have won in some aspect.

"Ultimately, consumers are best served when farmers and ranchers know the rules of the game, which are laid out in the reauthorization of a new farm bill every five years," Moran said. "This farm bill strengthens crop insurance, reauthorizes livestock disaster program, improves conservation programs, directs resources to agriculture research and ultimately ensures that America remains home to the safest and most abundant food supply in the world."

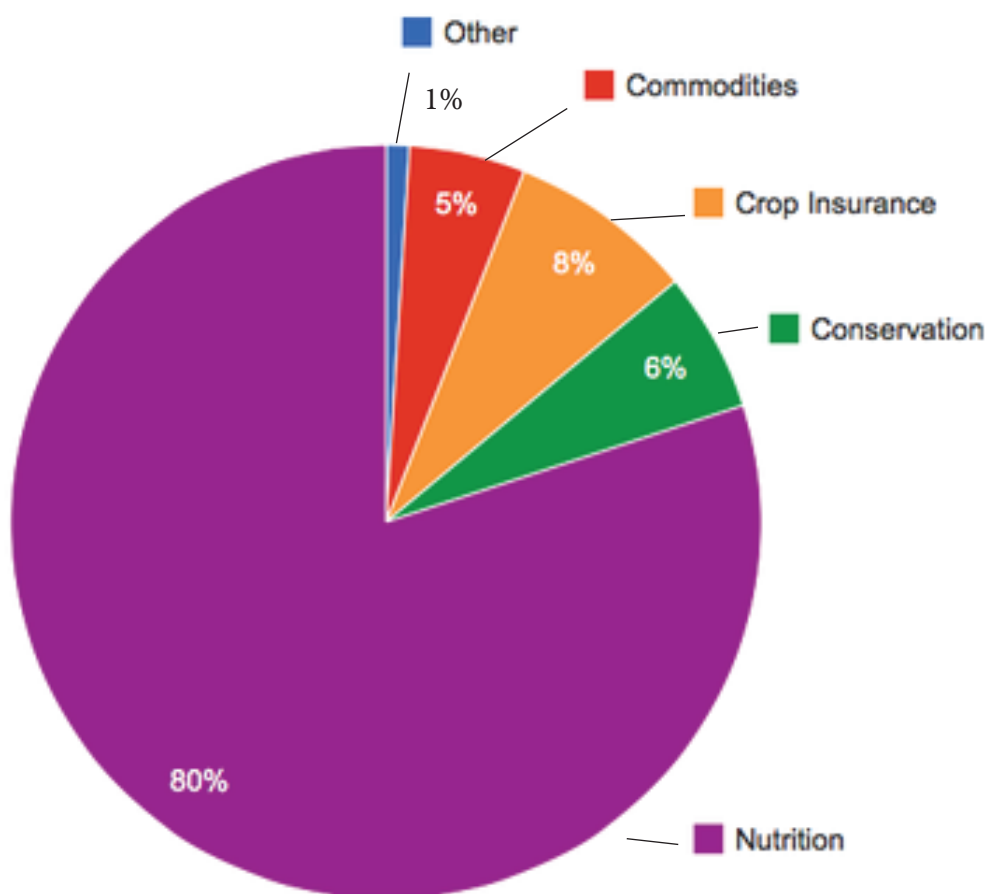
## The aftermath

Since the farm bill was approved, the decision to move the screening of catfish into the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service has been denied and catfish farmers will continue to send their product to the Food and Drug Administration. In addition to catfish farming, the organic industry has been approved to join the crop insurance provisions that were passed in February.

The farm bill has also approved and invested over \$300 million through the USDA toward agricultural easements. The easements were created after condensing three former programs into two; one to focus on grasslands and another for farmlands. These easements will concentrate on improvements such as water quality and habitat protection and will provide both technical and financial assistance for qualifying land for varying periods of time.

"This is another indication of a farm bill that is really focused on partnerships," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said to Capital Press. "In this case, it's between landowners and the (Natural Resources Conservation Service)-USDA providing assistance and help to conserve and preserve land for high and best use."

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Planning to fail shouldn't be companies' winning strategy



PATRICK WHITE  
THE COLLEGIAN

In this day and age, we all depend on technology in some way. We need those gadgets and we need them to work, but sometimes technology breaks.

Companies count on their technology to break, even depend on the revenue streams brought in by this demand. The real problem, however, comes after that.

From a business standpoint, why should companies be making money selling one good-quality thing when they can make people buy it again by putting out an inferior product?

This is the main idea behind what is now called "planned obsolescence." Everyone would probably recognize this notion more readily by the phrase "they don't make them like they used to." It's why the iPhone 6 bends in your pocket and tablet screens scratch easily.

Common instances of planned obsolescence are creating a fail switch that breaks the device after a predetermined number of uses or amount of time, or by making a new device and not supporting the old one or its software anymore. Either way, it's replacement time for consumers and for the manufacturer, it's money time.

Popular Mechanics has a great list of eight items proven to have such features just so companies can make more money. The list includes ink cartridges designed to stop working once the level of ink depletes enough, textbooks with new covers and no new information, cars with faulty parts and most consumer electronics.

The poster boy of this business model is Apple. The running joke about Apple products like the iPhone and iPod is that consumers shouldn't bother upgrading their products because the day after they do, Apple starts selling a newer version.

This isn't a problem exclusive to Apple though, or even to this century. It was made popular in the 1950s by a salesman named Brooks Stevens, who gave a talk at a sales convention on ways to get consumers to buy things they already have just because they're newer. Some say the idea started even before that.

Defenders of the practice point out that in higher end technology, the small pieces are more sensitive on things like phones, which make them prone to breakage. However, focusing on the cutting edge technology when the chip will eventually combust is a smoke screen to actual built-in flaws to make replacement more necessary.

A good example of what a big impact this has in the budgets of students is video games. The Popular Mechanics example also points out the trend of some consoles not being compatible with former models, thus requiring consumers to buy new games to use with the new console. Console lifespans have also diminished. It's been dropping by half since the 1980s and it turns playing video games into a luxury rather than a nifty hobby.

The Nintendo Entertainment System was supported for 20 years and its successor, the Super NES, for 13 years. The follow-up to the Super NES, the Nintendo 64, ran from 1996 to 2001. This is just five years of being supported. Since then, though the market has become more diversified, the concept has been the same.

The bad news doesn't stop there. Because money makes the world go round, there actually has to be a product to move for people to continue to

buy. With all of these new high-tech devices being made, junked and replaced comes the increased need for raw materials.

With this business model comes conflict minerals. All of these electronics need various metals and natural materials to make not only the chips but also the circuits and resistors. Every time a new product comes out companies ship it in the millions, so while each device has a few grams of these minerals, it adds up very fast. To meet that demand, people are paying anyone and everyone who can get their hands on the stuff so they make smartphones, consoles and other electronic gear.

This has led to greed, corruption and war zones cropping up over supply lines and mines because of all the money being handed out. One region that is particularly hit hard by this is the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since the region has naturally occurring supply of these minerals, it has become a hub of warlords looking to make money off of corrupt government officials and business men looking to stock up.

The cherry on top of this, according to the Wall Street Journal, is that last month the Department of Commerce announced its inability to track the smelters and refiners paying for their own private war for miner-

als. That wasn't just on the African continent that is home to the conflict, but the entire world.

National Geographic ran a story about how many clean mines there are in the country. According to its investigation, only 10 percent of the mines are not run by rebel militias in the eastern region of the Congo. Granted, this investigation was spurred on by a movement that began in 2008 to stop the violence that was put into law in 2010 by the Dodd-Frank Act. However, this report by the department and the report from the ground shows the best intentions haven't equaled much at all.

Planned obsolescence has moved beyond being a scummy trick of snake oil salesmen, it has become global evil. Companies exist to make money and they will get it at any cost to people or the environment. Remember that when you are told you need to upgrade something.

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Street Talk

Compiled by Renee Dick

Q: "If you could pick one quote to describe your life what would it be?"



JAMES CALVERT  
SENIOR  
FINANCE

"Would you rather have a life of 'what if's' or 'remember whens'? Because would you rather remember when something happened versus wishing you had done it?"



JUSTIN IRVINE  
SENIOR  
FINANCE

"You gotta get busy living or busy dying."



ISHAQ IBRAHIM  
SOPHOMORE  
GEOLOGY

"Successful people never give up, and people who give up never get successful."



ANA BURAES  
FRESHMAN,  
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## Letter to the editor

A little girl's dream of riding a horse turns into a dream of competing on a collegiate equestrian team. Just like with any other athlete, the hours, weekends, years of practicing, no sense of normal childhood and financial resources can indeed make that dream a reality!

For K-State equestrian, the dream was CUT SHORT!

Both of my daughters ride for the K-State equestrian team. We fell in love with the school, town, people and community. We "drank the purple Kool-Aid" of the K-State Family.

With such a young team (2014 freshman recruits are nearly 50 percent of the team), the girls, coaches and staff have worked tirelessly to secure a record of 4-0 so far.

All that changed Oct. 13 at 9 p.m.!

Forty-nine student athletes and coaches were assembled in a room where they were told that, because the NCAA may drop women's equestrian from the list of emerging sports (based upon the first of four recommendation meetings on Sept. 30), K-State is discontinuing equestrian after the 2015-16 season and replacing it with women's soccer. Notification was swift and notice went out

via email to parents at exactly 9:30 p.m. Nearly 50 percent of the team will only get to participate for two years.

Questions that come to mind:

1. When was idea of dropping equestrian brought to the table? When was the decision really made?

2. Why not wait for the NCAA's decision (which appears to be what the other Division I and II universities are doing)?

3. Why not have both equestrian and soccer teams?

4. Did you consider quality of team athletes (Academic All-Big 12 team honors, winner of Wildcat Cup three previous years and most community service hours of all athlete teams)?

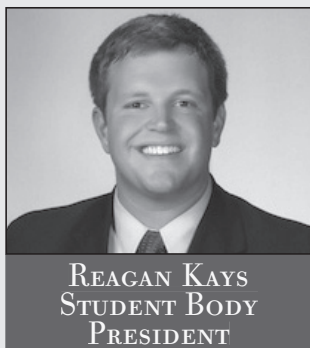
5. Why would K-State not honor the commitment that they made to these freshman recruits?

6. Is this how we treat "FAMILY?"

I now have a sick feeling in my stomach that K-State is truly just like other big corporate entities not looking out for the little guys! I see this as a "black mark" on their reputation and I can honestly say that I am surprised and disappointed.

Denise Kemper  
Gilbert, Arizona

## From the president's desk



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Dear Fellow K-Staters,

What a great fall we are having so far. How about that homecoming week? What a fantastic celebration every year for current students, alumni and friends of Kansas State University. We hope everybody had the chance to par-

ticipate in Wildcat Request Live, Pant the Chant or one of the other great homecoming events.

Election day is around the corner and we want to see as many students as possible exercise their right to vote. It's important that we make our voice heard and elect representatives that will go to bat for us. In cooperation with the Office of President Kirk Schulz, Student Governing Association will provide buses to polling locations on Nov. 3 and 4 so you have an easy way to get to where you need to go to cast a vote.

We're excited to announce that we have drafted a medical amnesty policy to be placed in the University Policy and Procedures Manual. We've obtained approval on the policy from the K-State General Counsel and, after a

meeting with key stakeholders on Thursday, we hope to present the Student and Faculty Senates with resolutions in support of the policy. We are on track to have the policy officially adopted at K-State by the end of the semester.

This will be a huge step for student safety, but it's only the beginning. After the policy is in place at K-State, we'll shift our focus to the state level and begin working towards our goal of a statewide law protecting underage individuals from legal consequences when they seek medical attention for someone who's had too much to drink.

Finally, I was able to represent student interests in the restructuring of K-State's Human Capital Services division. I enjoyed being able to work with

great people on the committee in the hiring process of nine new directors. We're excited to see the impact they will have on our campus!

Good luck with your classes and obligations this week. We'll see you at Bill Snyder Family Stadium this Saturday to watch our No. 11 'Cats keep working toward a memorable season!

Sincerely,

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## Letter to the editor

My daughter, Alyssa, is a sophomore equestrian athlete at K-State from Chicago. Her road to K-State (i.e., the sacrifices) to get here was long. However, she made Manhattan her home and K-State her family.

Now, just 15 months in, Alyssa has been told by Athletic Director John Currie that her K-State "family" is essentially kicking her to the curb and leaving her with only a minimal "frozen" scholarship and little hope of transferring to another Division I school as she already has used 2 years of her NCAA eligibility.

All of our daughters chose

K-State in good faith. They were promised a superior collegiate athletic experience with annually increasing financial scholarships and an excellent education. At the very minimum, the equestrian athletes' scholarships should increase as per normal and not be "frozen." In reality, the scholarships could increase as no new athletes will be replacing seniors, etc.

To take funds earmarked for equestrian by the NCAA and divert them to a different sport is disgraceful. The equestrian athletes have been blindsided by the very university they felt sup-

ported them and demonstrates a complete lack of integrity and transparency. Stomping on the little people happens in big business every day, but not from a university whose slogan is, "It's all about family."

Maybe a better slogan would be, "It's all about money!"

The K-State Athletics, Inc., Board of Directors, John Currie and President Schulz need to realize how they have crushed both the athletic and academic futures of the student athletes they recruited to ride for their university – and yet these athletes do not want to transfer. K-State is their

home and "family."

So step up and do right by our daughters. Prove to us that "family" really means something. It is very little to ask for considering how at no point in the recruiting process, knowing full well they held our daughters' futures in their hands, was it ever disclosed this program was in jeopardy. K-State has the ability and resources to do the right thing by these young ladies.

When it comes to "family," you never give up and you always find a way.

Valerie Lombardi

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Answer to the last Sudoku.

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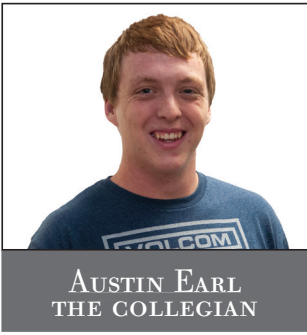
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# K-State football team has chance to write name in history books again



AUSTIN EARL  
THE COLLEGIAN

The stereotype that surrounds Big 12 teams is just as true in 2014 as it has ever been. Teams in the conference can break scoring records, but cannot stop their opponents.

The Big 12's dangerous offense are well documented. In fact, some of college football's most dangerous offensive units in recent memory have been members of the conference.

Currently, the country's two leading scorers are Big 12 schools — Baylor and TCU. They combined for 119 points in a ludicrous game in Waco, Texas.

Baylor's offense has been a powerhouse for multiple years now. Head coach Art Briles' squad has finished in the top four in the nation in points per game each of the last three years. This year, they look no different. While they have injuries and were set back against West Virginia, they still are second in the nation in points per game.

Led by quarterback Bryce Petty and wide receiver Antwan Goodley, the Bears have the same dangerous players that they did last season, but they added a spectacular option in freshman wide receiver KD Cannon. He has even been outperforming Goodley statistically.

As much as it might seem like Baylor is a one-trick pony, Briles' offense has the second most rushing

attempts in the conference. Sophomore running back Shock Linwood saw some action last season, but is now shouldering the load for the Bears. He's carried the ball 140 times for 696 yards and nine touchdowns in 2014-15.

TCU, however, is finding success this season after a disappointing 2013 campaign. Last season, they averaged just 25.1 points per game, which was 89th in the nation. So far, the Horned Frogs have more than doubled that total and lead the nation with 50.4 points per game.

The offensive production has been so unexpected for TCU that they ran out of the season's supply of fireworks to shoot off after touchdowns. Much of the newfound success can be attributed to finally having steady quarterback play and new co-offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumbie.

Meacham is well traveled in his time as a coach. His most notable work came at his alma mater Oklahoma State, where he was the team's passing game coordinator from 2005-12. His explosive style of offense helped the Cowboys have a very successful stretch and he has taken that style and improved TCU's offense tremendously.

Cumbie, who left his alma mater of Texas Tech to join forces with the long-time assistant, is in his first season at TCU.

After two seasons of splitting time at quarterback, junior Trevone Boykin has taken the full-time job and is a big part of what's making TCU so dangerous. He's thrown for 2,306 yards with 21 touchdowns and just three interceptions. In addition to his passing prowess, he has ran for 374 yards and three touchdowns this season.

Running back B.J. Catalan is also a weapon for the team, as he



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K-State defensive end **Ryan Mueller** breaks up a pass from Baylor quarterback **Bryce Petty** early in the first quarter on Oct. 12, 2013 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

averages 5 yards per carry and has scored eight touchdowns in 2014.

Despite these eye-popping numbers, there is one team who has defied conference odds and showed dominance on the defensive side of the ball. The team is the only one who has yet to allow 100 or more points in Big 12 games. Most impressively, they are eighth in the nation in stopping the run and are tied for 16th in the nation in fewest points allowed per game.

That team is head coach Bill Snyder's squad at K-State.

The question for the rest of the season in Manhattan will be if the Wildcats can compete with the potent offenses mentioned above. Three of

their remaining five games are against teams that are ranked 23rd or higher in points per game — West Virginia, TCU and Baylor.

What the Wildcats can be happy about is their opponents' use of the running games. While the teams do a lot of passing, they all have some dependence on their ground attack. Snyder's squad is fierce in run defense, and has a great chance at making these teams one-dimensional.

K-State does not solely depend on its defense as it carries its own potent offense. They average 36.9 points per game, which is 23rd in the nation. Neither Baylor, TCU or West Virginia have a great defense, either. Each team has allowed an opponent

to score 45 or more points this season.

How K-State plays against TCU, West Virginia and Baylor will write the script of this season. With a defensive lapse, the season will look drastically different. If the defense continues at its current pace, the 2014-15 season will be something special for the purple-clad faithful.

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## Sophomore leads women's golf through two days in South Carolina

By JAMES SCHMIDT  
THE COLLEGIAN

After two days of competing in the Palmetto Intercollegiate, the Wildcats' women golf team maintained their fifth-place spot heading into the final day of competi-

tion in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Leading the way for head coach Kristi Knight's team has been Madison Talley. The sophomore followed up a 1-under performance on Monday by carding a 2-over par on Tuesday and now sits at 13th overall.

Freshman Connie Jaffrey

made the biggest strides on Tuesday as she bounced back from a 3-over par showing on Monday to jump all the way into a 14th-place tie.

"It was a good round for Connie (Jaffrey)," Knight said after Tuesday's competition. "Overall, the team has been a little off, but that is all part of the game. The team is

competing hard and is looking forward to tomorrow."

The team leader of the tournament after day one was Coastal Carolina University, which sat at 6-under par. They were led by Lena Schaeffner, who was tied for the lead for individuals with GRU Augusta's Eunice Yi at 4-under par.

In the second round of play the Wildcats didn't gain much ground, but they still sat in fifth at 23-over par. They shot 13-over par on the day with in-state rival Kansas in fourth at 16-over par.

The top individuals for the tournament at the end of the second day are CC Buford of College of Charleston

at 5-under par and Malene Kroloboll Hansen of Coastal Carolina at 3-under par. Coastal Carolina maintained first place and is 12 strokes ahead of second-place GRU Augusta.

The Wildcats will look to jump in the standings today as they wrap up the tournament.

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